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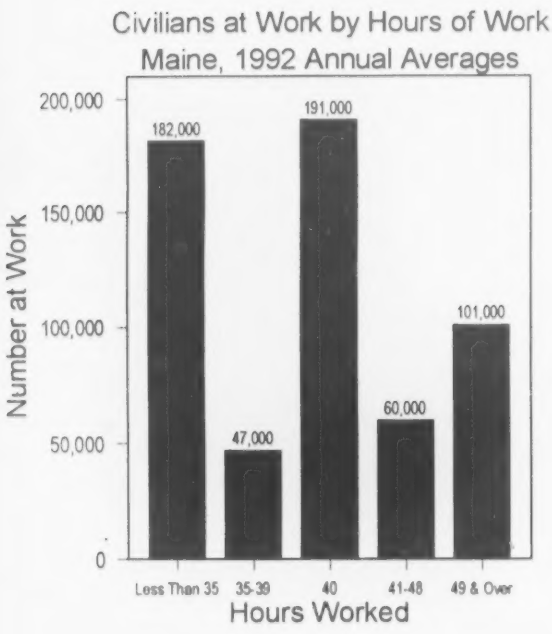
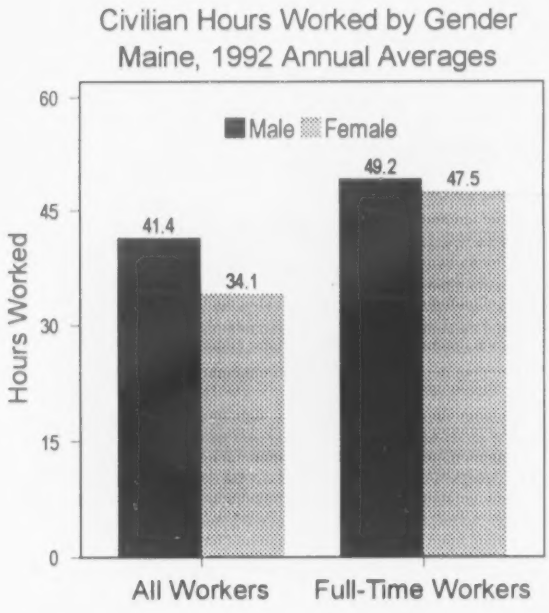
Maine Average Hours of Work for 1992

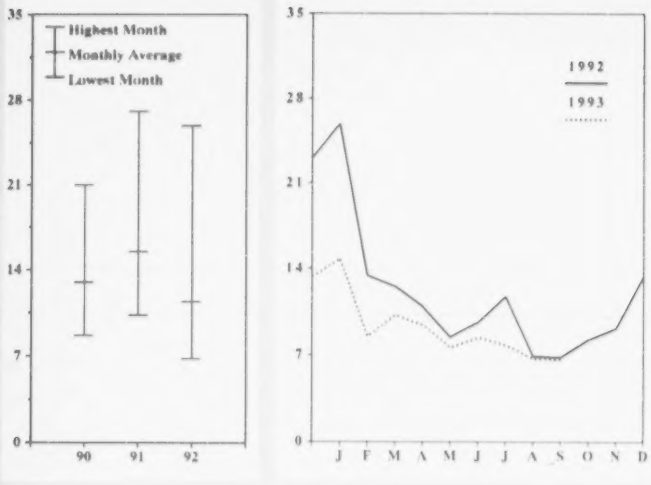


Over 27 percent of the civilians at work in Maine averaged more than 40 hours of work per week during 1992. Of those working less than 35 hours a week, over 80 percent averaged between 15 and 34 hours of work. For persons working in more than one job, hours worked in all jobs are credited to hours of work for the survey week.



All Maine workers averaged 38 hours of work per week during 1992. Workers on full-time schedules averaged 48.6 hours per week. Females averaged fewer hours worked per week than males for all workers and for workers on full-time schedules. Individuals working 35 hours or more per week are considered to be on full-time schedules.

UI Initial Claims
In Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed
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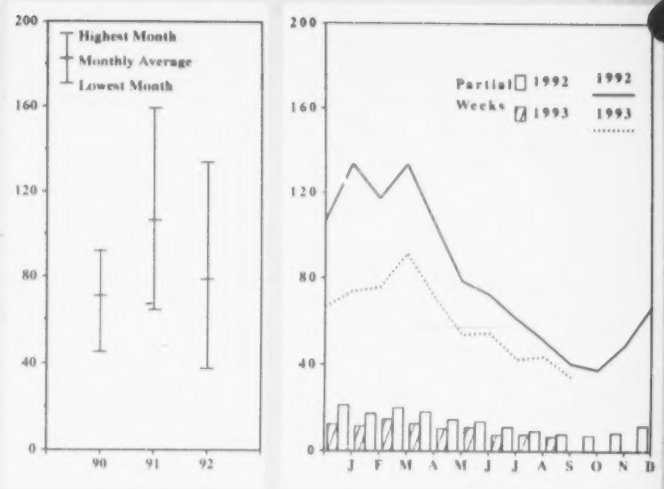


Work Experience of the U.S. Population in 1992

The total number of persons who were unemployed at some point during 1992 was about the same as in 1991, and the number of persons with some employment during the year increased by half a million.

According to data released by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, 21.4 million persons experienced some unemployment in 1992, although most of them held jobs at some time during the year. In total, 133.1 million persons held jobs during at least part of the year, and 80.7 million of them were in full-time, year-round jobs, 1.1 million more than in 1991.

Persons with Employment

The total of 133.1 million persons who worked at some time during 1992 was about 500,000 higher than the number for 1991. Year-round, full-time employment increased by much more—1.1 million. (Year-round, full-time work refers to employment of 50-to-52 weeks at 35 hours or more during most weeks.) The proportion of workers who were employed full-time year-round increased 0.7 percentage points in 1992 to 60.7 percent.

Amoung men, a total of 71.2 million worked all or part of 1992, 77.2 percent of the male population. Two-thirds of the men with employment worked year round, full time. Since 1989, the proportion of employed men who work full-time, year-round has fallen by over 2 percentage points, largely due to increases in the proportion experiencing some unemployment.

A total of 61.9 million women worked during 1992, about the same number as a year earlier. Nevertheless, employed women continued to intensify their job-market role, as the number working year round on full-time schedules increased by over 700,000 to 33.2 million, representing over half of all working women.

Persons with Unemployment

The total number of persons unemployed for at least one week was 21.4 million in 1992, little different from the previous year. The proportion of the labor force experiencing some unemployment was 15.8 percent, also about unchanged from 1991. Between 1989 and 1991, the total number of persons experiencing unemployment during the year had risen by 4 million, with the proportion of workers encountering unemployment rising nearly 3 percentage points.

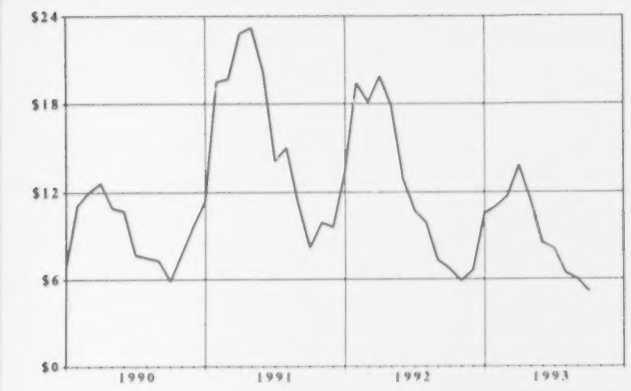
Nearly 9 out of 10 persons with some unemployment during the year reported that they also worked. The median number of weeks of unemployment for these workers increased slightly to 14.2 weeks; since 1989, the median has increased by nearly 3 weeks, reflecting a substantial increase in the number of persons jobless for 6 months or more.

Selected Employment Security Activities

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

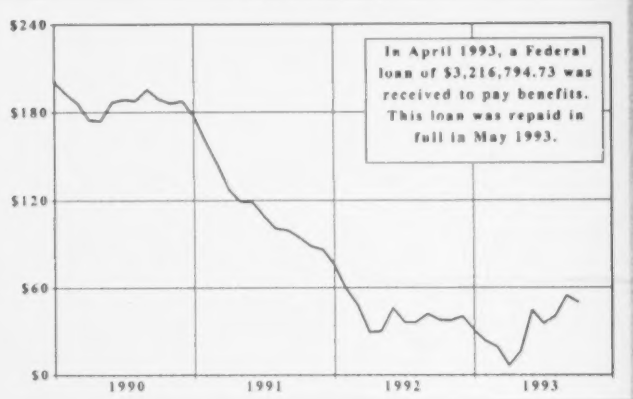
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1990	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1991	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1992
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$484.38	$473.80	$468.00	41.4	41.2	40.0	$11.70	$11.50	$11.70	$10.58	$11.08	$11.38
Durable Goods	475.17	471.74	448.00	41.5	41.2	40.0	11.45	11.45	11.20	10.20	10.61	11.14
Lumber and Wood Products	387.32	381.82	363.78	40.9	41.1	39.2	9.47	9.29	9.28	9.10	8.97	9.25
Primary and Fabricated Metals	520.30	506.16	457.52	45.6	45.6	43.0	11.41	11.10	10.64	9.98	10.18	10.45
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	588.67	573.40	536.29	43.8	42.6	41.8	13.44	13.46	12.83	11.63	12.43	12.82
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	432.90	423.94	391.64	42.4	41.0	39.4	10.21	10.34	9.94	9.69	9.91	10.02
Transportation Equipment	583.20	589.73	566.58	40.0	40.2	39.9	14.58	14.67	14.20	11.68	12.55	14.09
Other Durable Goods	360.12	369.84	358.09	40.6	40.2	40.1	8.87	9.20	8.93	8.11	8.57	8.86
Nondurable Goods	491.88	475.45	484.00	41.3	41.2	40.0	11.91	11.54	12.10	10.93	11.48	11.57
Food and Kindred Products	340.94	351.08	324.34	35.7	40.4	34.8	9.55	8.69	9.32	8.56	8.76	9.15
Textile Mill Products	409.08	407.26	352.61	41.7	42.6	37.0	9.81	9.56	9.53	8.82	8.82	9.03
Apparel and Other Textile Products	296.48	292.55	294.90	37.2	37.7	38.2	7.97	7.76	7.72	7.38	7.28	7.65
Paper and Allied Products	765.78	730.60	772.92	44.6	42.8	45.6	17.17	17.07	16.95	15.16	16.06	16.25
Leather and Leather Products	322.73	324.38	286.56	40.8	40.7	36.0	7.91	7.97	7.96	7.44	7.82	7.92
Other Nondurable Goods	422.09	401.20	416.07	41.3	40.0	40.2	10.22	10.03	10.35	9.62	9.85	10.07
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	423.20	415.01	404.70	40.0	39.6	38.0	10.58	10.48	10.65	10.63	10.45	10.55
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	429.27	401.17	350.06	44.3	41.4	39.2	9.69	9.69	8.93	9.26	9.33	9.53

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	317.2	324.5	312.9
Unemployment	17.2	18.8	14.6
(Percent)	5.4%	5.8%	4.7%
Resident Employed	300.0	305.7	298.3

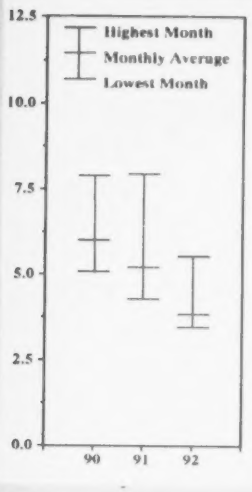
1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

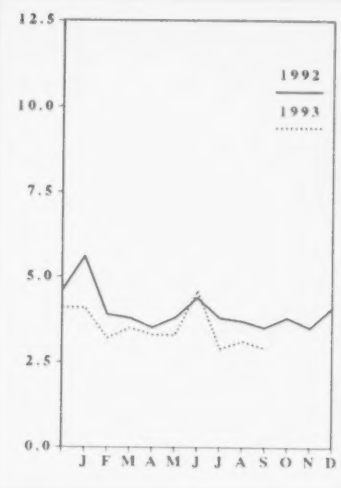
U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	145.1	144.8	141.3	141.9

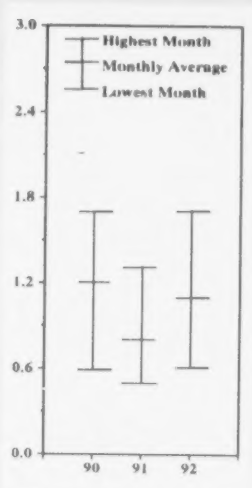
Percent Change for Past Month	+0.2%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.3%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.7%

New Applications For Work
in Thousands





Nonfarm Placements
in Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE THIS MONTH	STATEWIDE LAST MONTH	STATEWIDE YEAR AGO	PORTLAND MSA THIS MONTH	PORTLAND MSA LAST MONTH	PORTLAND MSA YEAR AGO	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA THIS MONTH	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA LAST MONTH	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA YEAR AGO
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	526.3	521.1	528.0	125.1	124.1	121.8	38.5	37.5	37.5
Goods Producing	117.1	118.4	117.6	19.3	18.8	18.5	9.9	9.9	9.8
Construction and Mining	24.3	24.4	24.1	5.9	5.8	5.5	1.6	1.6	1.7
Building Construction	5.6	5.6	5.8	1.2	1.2	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	13.7	13.8	13.5	4.0	3.9	3.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	92.8	94.0	93.5	13.4	13.0	13.0	8.3	8.3	8.1
Durable Goods	40.8	40.7	42.3	5.9	5.5	5.7	2.3	2.3	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	11.0	11.0	11.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.2	3.2	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	3.8	3.7	3.7	1.0	1.0	1.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip.	6.6	6.6	6.9	2.0	2.0	2.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	11.9	12.1	13.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.3	4.1	4.1	2.9	2.5	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	52.0	53.3	51.2	7.5	7.5	7.3	6.0	6.0	5.8
Food and Kindred Products	6.8	7.9	7.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.5	5.5	4.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.2	3.2	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	16.2	16.3	16.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.3	5.2	5.2	1.5	1.5	1.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.0	3.1	2.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products	10.4	10.4	10.4	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.7	1.6	1.9
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.5	8.5	8.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.6	1.7	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.8	4.3	4.4	3.9
Service Producing	409.2	402.7	410.4	105.8	105.3	103.3	28.6	27.6	27.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.2	21.4	22.1	5.6	5.7	5.8	1.3	1.3	1.3
Wholesale Trade	22.5	22.5	23.4	8.4	8.4	8.5	2.0	2.0	1.9
Retail Trade	111.0	113.2	110.2	30.3	30.3	28.0	8.1	8.1	7.9
General Merchandise Stores	11.7	11.4	10.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores	19.7	19.3	20.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	36.7	39.5	36.4	8.3	8.7	7.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	24.5	24.8	25.0	11.7	11.7	11.9	2.0	1.9	1.9
Banking	8.9	9.0	9.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.6	10.6	11.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	136.8	138.3	134.4	34.3	34.7	33.1	11.1	10.6	10.3
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	12.2	14.4	12.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	13.7	13.6	14.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	48.9	49.1	47.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	15.3	15.5	17.0	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government	26.5	24.4	27.0	4.3	3.8	4.4	0.6	0.6	0.7
Local Government	51.4	42.6	51.3	9.1	8.6	9.6	3.2	2.8	3.4
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Last Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Last Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE(000)	655.7	667.8	665.4	610.9	626.8	624.4	44.8	41.0	41.0	6.8	6.1	6.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKET												
Bangor MSA	47,700	47,900	47,100	45,000	45,500	44,800	2,700	2,400	2,300	5.7	5.0	4.8
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	43,800	43,400	43,600	39,900	39,800	39,900	3,900	3,600	3,700	9.0	8.3	8.6
Portland MSA	136,000	137,300	134,700	129,100	131,100	128,400	6,800	6,200	6,200	5.0	4.5	4.6
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA	n/a	n/a	139,100	n/a	n/a	131,900	n/a	n/a	7,200	n/a	n/a	5.2
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	36,390	36,930	37,910	34,130	34,950	35,760	2,260	1,980	2,150	6.2	5.4	5.7
Bath-Brunswick	30,560	32,040	33,280	29,050	30,570	31,950	1,510	1,470	1,340	4.9	4.6	4.0
Belfast	11,530	13,180	13,280	10,130	11,930	12,040	1,400	1,250	1,240	12.1	9.5	9.3
Biddeford	28,340	29,140	29,380	26,320	27,360	27,330	2,020	1,780	2,050	7.1	6.1	7.0
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	18,320	19,650	17,930	17,640	18,980	17,350	680	670	570	3.7	3.4	3.2
Calais-Eastport	16,370	17,750	16,290	14,340	16,050	14,750	2,030	1,700	1,540	12.4	9.6	9.4
Caribou-Presque Isle	23,890	22,310	25,440	21,210	19,860	23,150	2,680	2,450	2,290	11.2	11.0	9.0
Central Penobscot	3,480	3,530	3,430	3,130	3,220	3,180	350	310	260	10.1	8.8	7.5
Dover-Foxcroft	7,310	7,320	7,460	6,670	6,680	6,880	630	640	580	8.7	8.7	7.7
Ellsworth	29,050	33,190	29,560	27,440	31,870	28,160	1,610	1,320	1,400	5.5	4.0	4.7
Farmington	14,140	13,800	14,570	13,060	12,820	13,480	1,080	980	1,090	7.6	7.1	7.5
Fort Kent-Allagash	6,450	6,030	6,930	5,880	5,490	6,300	580	540	640	8.9	9.0	9.2
Greenville	1,340	1,440	1,430	1,270	1,360	1,330	70	80	90	5.4	5.2	6.5
Houlton	7,380	7,290	7,780	6,930	6,820	7,370	450	480	400	6.1	6.5	5.2
Kittery-York 3/	30,780	30,750	30,880	29,990	29,950	30,050	790	800	830	2.6	2.6	2.7
Lincoln-Howland	5,440	5,420	5,670	4,910	4,950	5,220	530	470	450	9.7	8.6	7.9
Livermore Falls	6,160	6,140	6,350	5,660	5,660	5,810	510	480	540	8.2	7.7	8.5
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,580	4,450	5,070	4,180	4,090	4,600	400	370	460	8.6	8.2	9.1
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,270	4,320	4,360	3,870	3,990	3,990	410	340	370	9.5	7.8	8.5
Norway-Paris	13,290	13,660	13,050	12,070	12,520	11,930	1,220	1,140	1,120	9.2	8.3	8.6
Patten-Island Falls	2,980	2,880	3,150	2,700	2,610	2,910	280	260	250	9.4	9.1	7.9
Rockland	21,630	22,810	21,070	20,680	21,820	20,110	950	990	960	4.4	4.3	4.6
Rumford	9,320	9,180	9,550	8,500	8,420	8,760	810	760	800	8.7	8.3	8.4
Sanford	17,060	17,380	17,430	15,560	15,910	16,020	1,500	1,460	1,410	8.8	8.4	8.1
Sebago Lakes Region	13,120	14,420	13,880	12,310	13,650	13,160	810	770	720	6.2	5.3	5.2
Skowhegan	27,540	28,020	26,870	25,000	25,740	24,570	2,540	2,280	2,300	9.2	8.1	8.6
Southwest Penobscot	11,200	11,100	11,130	9,940	9,920	9,980	1,260	1,180	1,150	11.2	10.6	10.3
Waterville	26,220	25,140	26,930	24,300	23,270	25,140	1,920	1,880	1,790	7.3	7.5	6.6
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	n/a	1,781.8	n/a	n/a	1,647.4	n/a	n/a	134.3	n/a	n/a	7.5
Massachusetts	3,142.0	3,184.0	3,083.0	2,921.0	2,976.0	2,824.0	222.0	209.0	259.0	7.1	6.6	8.4
New Hampshire	n/a	n/a	629.2	n/a	n/a	582.8	n/a	n/a	46.5	n/a	n/a	7.4
Rhode Island	n/a	n/a	528.0	n/a	n/a	482.7	n/a	n/a	45.3	n/a	n/a	8.6
Vermont	n/a	n/a	320.1	n/a	n/a	302.3	n/a	n/a	17.9	n/a	n/a	5.6
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
UNITED STATES (000)	127,858	129,472	127,044	119,730	121,002	117,953	8,128	8,470	9,090	6.4	6.5	7.2

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current estimates preliminary. Last month and year ago estimates revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	6,986	8,555	8,363	1,320	1,480	1,454	619	775	791

Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine

Seasonally Adjusted in Thousands

ITEM	1992				1993								
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Civilian Labor Force 1/	64.2	660.6	663.7	659.9	662.0	654.0	657.4	652.1	652.6	652.6	647.1	654.8	654.9
Resident Employment	617.6	616.1	616.8	612.3	611.6	600.7	602.9	598.9	600.8	596.4	599.0	605.0	604.2
Unemployment	46.6	44.5	46.9	47.6	50.5	53.3	54.5	53.3	51.9	56.0	48.1	49.8	50.6
Percent of Labor Force	7.0	6.7	7.1	7.2	7.6	8.2	8.3	8.2	7.9	8.6	7.4	7.6	7.7
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	515.1	514.9	515.6	513.9	519.1	519.6	517.0	514.4	511.9	507.3	507.2	509.7	513.4
Construction	21.1	21.3	21.4	21.9	23.5	23.4	23.1	22.7	21.8	21.3	21.7	21.0	21.3
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	41.6	41.1	41.0	41.0	41.4	41.4	40.9	40.8	40.9	40.2	40.1	40.1	40.1
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	50.3	50.5	51.0	50.2	51.5	51.2	50.9	51.5	51.1	51.1	51.0	51.5	51.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.6	21.4	21.3	21.2	21.7	21.3	21.6	21.4	20.9	20.8	20.5	20.8	20.7
Wholesale Trade	23.1	23.1	23.0	22.9	22.5	22.5	22.4	22.6	22.5	22.0	22.1	21.9	22.2
Retail Trade	106.0	108.3	109.0	108.3	108.1	109.1	107.4	106.8	106.1	103.8	104.0	105.4	106.8
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	24.8	24.1	23.9	23.9	24.0	24.0	23.9	23.9	24.3	24.3	24.2	24.5	24.3
Services	130.9	130.1	130.3	130.0	131.4	131.2	130.9	30.1	129.9	129.7	130.3	130.5	133.3
Government	95.6	94.9	94.6	94.4	94.9	95.4	95.8	94.6	94.4	94.0	93.2	94.0	93.5

1/ Place of residence. 2/ Place of work.

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